

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2013 - 7:00 PM

The Meeting of the Recreation Commission of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Opening 7:01 p.m.

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Statement of Adequate Notice

- Victor Cioni read the following Statement into the Record: “The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

Roll Call

- Present: Victor Cioni, Joe Pinto, Adam Zimmer, Michael Nachbaur, Tim Shanahan (7:04)
- Also present: Richard Thompson, Council Liaison, Melissa Hommes (7:12), and Susan Turner.

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Victor Cioni moved to approve the minutes from the 6/26/13 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Audience Participation

- Victor Cioni moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- No Audience present
- Victor Cioni moved to close the audience participation portion. Adam Zimmer seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried, audience participation closed.

Communications

- None

Recreation Director’s Report

- The outer window at the snack bar has been fixed and a sign will be put out when it is “open for business”
- The lounge chairs have been delivered and set out.

Report from Council Liaison

- The question from our last meeting regarding capping the number of free pool memberships went to the Borough Attorney’s office who responded that we can cap the number if we so choose. This subject may be discussed at a future meeting for the 2014 pool season.
- Rich Thompson mentioned that the 2 downspouts at the front of the pool house were missing. Victor said they had not been there for many years because they were repeatedly and regularly vandalized. The downspouts would have to be redirected inside the fence to prevent vandalism. After the 2013 pool season we can look into how they may be redirected without cutting the fence.
- Rich asked why the “pool tags around the ankles” were not being used any more. He was informed that the wristbands that had been used would be removed by patrons and passed through the fence to their friends. The printed badges and one day ink stamps being used now are efficient and inexpensive.
- Victor said that the two probes in the pool pump need to be replaced. Melissa has picked up new probes. It is important that these be removed at the end of the season and winterized properly.

Report from Secretary

- 3 Lacrosse registration refunds requested – there were not enough registrations received to form a team.
- Victor moved to issue the lacrosse registration refunds. Michael Nachbaur seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Motion carried, refunds approved.

Old Business

- The proposal from the 6/26/13 Recreation meeting to offer a free pool membership and 2 Borough sports programs to the Recreation Director and Secretary was declined by Borough Council. The proposal was changed to offer just the free family pool membership and it was passed by Borough Council. Victor moved to amend the Recreation By-Laws to include the following: “As an added incentive to maintain and attract new candidates in the future the Washington Borough Recreation Commission agrees that the sitting Recreation Director and Recreation Secretary are entitled to a free family pool season pass per season. If adopted this amendment will be added to the Recreation By Laws as an addendum.” Michael Nachbaur seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1. Motion carried, Addendum approved.

New Business

- None

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Swim Team is doing wonderfully. At their last meet they scored 93 points which is the most in 2 years. The swimmers are getting better and having fun. Joe hopes this will attract back previous members. The Swim Team Assistant Coach will be starting soon. The coaching salary issue has been fixed. Joe attended the Penn Jersey League meeting and said the Borough’s League fee is outstanding. He was advised that it is included in the checks to be approved by Borough Council at their meeting next week.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – No report - absent.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor) – Terry Finnegan received 7 registrations at the walk-in. The Grandstand bathrooms need to be finished before soccer season starts. Victor has scheduled the 2nd weed & feed at Vara field for the 2nd week of August.
- Street Hockey – (Mike Nachbaur) – No report
- Youth Basketball – (Mike Nachbaur) – No report
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report - absent
- Girls Softball – (Joe Pinto) – Joe would like to hold a pitcher/catcher clinic in November and have registrations in January. Joe will send an email to current and previous players regarding the clinic.
- Karate – (TBD) – Session 1 will start in September
- Adult Softball – (TBD) –No report.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) –No report - absent
- Pool – (Victor) –The lounge chairs have been received and set up. Two new probes were purchased and will be installed. The baby pool lock has been replaced. We have had good attendance at the pool
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – 6 junior racquets, t-shirts, water and snacks have been ordered. Susan will drop them off at the Tennis courts Monday morning.
- Lacrosse Clinic – (Tim Shanahan) –No report.
- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – There have not been a large amount of participants but those attending are very enthusiastic and spreading the word. Also, the weather has caused the cancellation of some classes.

Commission Comments

- Richard Thompson- no comments
- Joe Pinto – Joe asked that Melissa send her new phone number out to all the commissioners

- Adam Zimmer – no comments
- Adam Robinson – absent
- Michael Nachbaur – no comments
- Tim Shanahan – no comments
- Victor – no comments

Website

- We now have 345 friends and continue to get more.

Recap

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Adjournment

- Victor Cioni moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Michael Nachbaur seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
Motion carried

Adjourn **7:44 PM**